PMRY in Madhya Pradesh

†1179. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) details of the amount allocated to Madhya Pradesh under the 'Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana' during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of instalments due upto June, 2003 which have not been released;

(c) whether it is a fact that the State Government have not spent the full amount during each of the years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) Under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), the Central Government releases funds for Subsidy as well as for Training and Entrepreneurial Development, Contingency etc. The funds for Subsidy are authorized to the Reserve Bank of India for passing on to the individual beneficiary through the implementing banks. The funds for Training and Entrepreneurial Development, Contingency etc. are released to the States/UTs directly. An amount of Rs. 1,49,78,750/-, Rs. 94,98,240/-and Rs. 1,20,20,678/- have been released to Madhya Pradesh for Training and Entrepreneurial Development, Contingency etc. during the last three years, *viz.* 2000-01,2001 -02 and 2002-03, respectively under the PMRY.

(b) to (d) Under the Scheme, the funds to States are released on the basis of performance of the Scheme during the year and utilization of the previously released funds. The State Government has balance of Rs. 103.15 lakhs from the funds released during the previous years.

Steps to encourage rural industries

†1180. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the condition of the traditional Rural Cottage Industries is continuously deteriorating;

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(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to encourage the Rural Industries; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) and (b) The Khadi and Village Industries sector consists essentially of conventional (traditional) rural cottage industries. Government have been taking steps from time to time for the promotion and development of rural and cottage industries with positive results. Assistance provided to this sector consists of margin money assistance under Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), training technological and marketing support. In order to further strengthen this sector in the country, the Government on 14.05.2001 announced 'Khadi Package'. The package mainly consists of creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development, focus on core areas and provision of additional working capital etc.

As a result, village industries in the Country have been registering growth in production and employment.

(c) Does not arise.

Rural industries established by KVIC in H.P.

†1181. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Rural Industries established by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) in villages of Himachal Pradesh and the number of people working in them;

(b) the number of registered Rural Industries/Institutions;

(c) the present status of these industries alongwith the number of industries earning profit and those running in loss;

(d) whether there is any scheme for the assistance to the industries which are running in loss; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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